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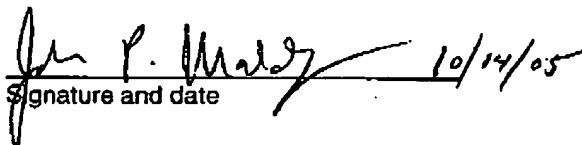
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Applicants: **Buxton, et. al.** Case: **AVOT- 002**

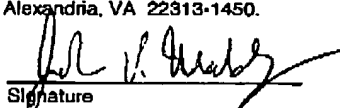
Serial No.: **09/781,937** Filed: **February 12, 2001**

Examiner: **Borlinghaus, Jason M.** Group Art Unit: **3628**

Confirmation: **1774**

Title: **NETWORK REVERSE AUCTION AND SPENDING ANALYSIS**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Please enter this Supplemental Response to the January 6, 2005 Office Action, in which an amendment was filed on July 6, 2005, and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. In response to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have filed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131.

Applicants believe no fee is due at this time in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.